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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 June 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Detail Action

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/21/2004 has been entered.

Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended. Claims 1-21 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claims 1-2 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eggleston et al. (US 6,101,531), herein after referred as Eggleston, in view of Joseph (US 6,038,603).**

4. As to claim 1, Eggleston teaches a method of transferring data from handheld device comprising the steps of:

a) forwarding information from an application on said handheld device to an exchange manager (*forwarding information from applications on mobile end computer system 201 to a data transfer manager or exchange unit 206*) on said handheld device for communicating said information to an external device, said step a) performed by an application resident on said handheld device (Eggleston, Fig. 2 and C5: L23-48);

b) in response to said information, said exchange manager referencing an exchange library associated with said identified transport mechanism from a plurality of exchange libraries (*data transfer manager or exchange unit 206 referencing/accessing data encoder/decoder 203 to accommodate the system communications protocols and a transceiver and a modem to connect to a wireless or wireline communications network*), wherein said exchange library defines a communication protocol for said identified transport mechanism and wherein said exchange manager supports a plurality of communication protocols (Eggleston, Fig. 2 and C5: L23-48); and

c) communicating said information to a system, identified by said destination (*communicating said information to communication server 220, VMS 230, local email post office 240, remote client-server host 255, and/or administrator host 260, etc. that is external to mobile end computer system 201*), that is external to said handheld device using said communication protocol, said step c) performed by said identified transport mechanism (Eggleston, Fig. 2 and C5: L5-10).

However, Eggleston does not explicitly teach said information having associated therewith a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) containing an identified transport mechanism for communicating said information and also a destination for said information.

In the related art, Joseph teaches a URL string (*http://Server_A/File_Store/File*) containing an identified transport mechanism (*http://*) and a destination (*Server A*) that a browser/application uses to communicate with another computer (Joseph, Fig. 2C and C2: L20-64).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Eggleston and Joseph to include an information having associated therewith a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) containing an identified transport mechanism for communicating said information and also a destination for said information since such methods were conventionally employed in the art to allow the data transfer exchange manager of various network devices uniquely identifying a resource by URL, which indicates a destination server on which the resource is located, the filename of the resource and the protocol to be used in retrieving the resource.

5. As to claim 2, Eggleston-Joseph teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said handheld device is a palmtop computer system comprising: a processor coupled to a bus; a memory unit coupled to said bus; a screen coupled to said bus; and a plurality of

transport mechanisms (*a palmtop/handheld computer inherently comprises a processor, a memory unit, a screen coupled to a bus and a plurality of transport mechanism*).

6. Claims 8-9 are corresponding system claims of method claims 1-2; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

7. Claims 3-7 and 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eggleston-Joseph, further in view of Bodnar et al. (6,295,541), herein after referred as Bodnar.

8. As to claims 3-4, Eggleston-Joseph teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the data transfer manager or exchange unit 206 accommodates data transfer over a wide variety of networks via data encoder/decoder 203 to a wide variety of destination devices using various communications protocols including radio frequency (rf) or infrared protocol or proprietary wireless carrier protocols (Eggleston, C5: L30-42), but does not explicitly teach said plurality of communications protocols comprising an email protocol and a synchronization protocol.

In the related art, Bodnar teaches a palmtop computer capable of synchronization, infrared, radio frequency or wireless communications, and email communications (Bodnar, Fig. 2 and C10: L42-53).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Eggleston-Joseph and Bodnar to include email, infrared, radio frequency and synchronization protocols in said communications protocols since such methods were conventionally employed in the art to provide additional options for communicating between a broad range of networks and devices.

9. As to claim 5, Eggleston-Joseph-Bodnar teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said information is a data file (*"datasets" in C2: L23-33 of Bodnar and "File" from Fig. 2C of Joseph*).

10. As to claim 6, Eggleston-Joseph-Bodnar teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said information is an application program (*here "Official Notice" is taken as a "File" from Fig. 2C of Joseph and "datasets" of Bodnar might well be an application program*).

11. As to claim 7, Eggleston-Joseph-Bodnar teaches the method of claim 1, but does not explicitly teach prompting the user for any unspecified criteria such as protocol to use or/and destination.

"Official Notice" is taken that both the concept and advantages of a system prompting a user for unspecified criteria are well known and expected in the art.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to prompt the user for unspecified criteria such as

protocol to use or/and destination since such methods were conventionally employed in the art to ensure the data is manipulated into the recognizable format before sending out the receiving device using the compatible protocol.

12. Claims 10-14 are corresponding system claims of method claims 1-7; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

13. Claims 15-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eggleston-Joseph-Bodnar, further in view of Skarbo et al. (6,317,777), herein after referred as Skarbo.

14. As to claim 15, Eggleston-Joseph teaches the method for transferring/retrieving data as in claim 1, but does not explicitly teach storing said file/information in memory and associating said file with a data set associated with said application.

In the related art, Skarbo teaches a method for web based storage and retrieval of documents (file/information), comprising the steps of storing the document onto local disk storage 354, and accessing a document registry 358 stored within a system registry to identify an associated application for the document (Skarbo, C10: L52-56).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Eggleston-Joseph and Skarbo to store said file/document in memory and associating said file/document with a

data set associated with said application since such methods were conventionally employed in the art to allow the system to be flexible to accommodate data transfer from a data origination device over a wide variety of networks to a wide variety of destination devices using various communications protocols with different data formats.

15. Claims 16-21 are corresponding method claims of method claims 2-7; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

16. Applicant's arguments as well as request for reconsideration filed on 05/10/2004 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

17. Further references of interest are cited on Form PTO-892, which is an attachment to this office action.

18. A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire THREE (3) months from the mailing date of this communication. See 37 CFR 1.134.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quang N. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3886.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's SPE, Rupal Dharia, can be reached at (571) 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization is (703) 872-9306.

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